

Amendments to the Specification:

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The present application is related to the following patent applications which are commonly assigned and filed on the same day, July 15, 2003: SVL920020047US1, Application Serial No. 10/620,857, entitled "Query Model Tool and Method for Visually Grouping and Ungrouping Predicates"; and SVL920030074US1, Application Serial No. 10/620,633, entitled "Query Modeling Tool [[h]]Having Dynamically Adaptive Interface"; and SVL920020048US1, Application Serial No. 10/620,856, entitled "A Method and Structure for Representing Complex Query Elements in a Model[[l]]ing Tool".

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This invention relates in general to database management systems performed by computers, and in particular, an interactive tool and method for graphically representing, creating, modifying and modeling structured language queries.[[.]]

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Interface 20 also communicates with query model 26 via GUI model infrastructure 28, as represented by arrows 19 and 21. Interface 20 is designed to be consistent with the query model definition. Accordingly, when a query is created using interface 20, the interface creates and relates model elements that conform to the query model definition.[[.]] The queries may be used to populate the model directly as represented by connection 21 without further parsing.

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The grouping function described above is illustrated by flow diagram 3D. In a first step 91, the user selects rows in search condition area 36 such that first and last rows are at the same level of indentation. Such selection causes the grouping button 41 to be enabled, as shown in step 92, so that the user may activate it (step 93). Activation causes the query model 26 to be updated to reflect new grouping(s) of conditions, as represented in step 94. The GUI-Model Infrastructure 28 is notified of the query model change in step 95 and in response, GUI-Model infrastructure 28 updates User I/F 20 as shown in step 96.